

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 96, 1/5/2017; HB 128, 1/5/2017; HB 150, 1/5/2017

00:01:03 Chair Flynn  
00:02:01 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:03:52 Chair Flynn

**HEARING ON HB 128**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:21 Sen. Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on HB 128, Revise waiting period for bighorn sheep licenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:41 Quentin Kujala, Representing Governor Steve Bullock  
[EXHIBIT\(fih07a01\)](#)

00:09:13 Brian Solan, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation  
00:10:44 Kurt Alt, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation  
00:12:55 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:10 Rep. B. Brown  
00:14:49 Quentin Kujala, Representing Governor Steve Bullock  
00:15:13 Rep. B. Brown  
00:15:24 Quentin Kujala, Representing Governor Steve Bullock  
00:15:32 Rep. Rosendale  
00:15:51 Quentin Kujala, Representing Governor Steve Bullock  
00:16:04 Rep. Rosendale  
00:16:09 Quentin Kujala, Representing Governor Steve Bullock  
00:17:11 Rep. Court  
00:17:38 Brian Solan, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation  
00:18:25 Chair Flynn  
00:18:57 Quentin Kujala, Representing Governor Steve Bullock

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:54 Sen. Welborn

**HEARING ON HB 150**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:21 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 150, Clarify FWP residency requirement for armed forces member, spouse & dependent.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:01 Hank Warsech, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
[EXHIBIT\(fih07a02\)](#)

00:23:42 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:24:18 Kurt Alt, Self  
00:24:44 Jim Brown, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)  
00:25:48 Gene Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
00:26:09 Mary Beveridge, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a03\)](#)

00:27:08 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association (MTNGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:24 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:28:59 Jim Brown, CBU  
00:29:21 Hank Worsch, FWP  
00:29:46 Rep. Vinton  
00:30:09 Rep. B. Brown  
00:30:40 Rep. White  
00:31:10 Hank Worsch, FWP  
00:31:30 Chair Flynn  
00:31:47 Hank Worsch, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:16 Rep. White

**HEARING ON HB 96**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:16 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 96, Revise free elk license/permit for landowner providing free public elk hunting.

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:00 Hank Worsch, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a06\)](#)

00:39:06 Gene Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a07\)](#)

00:44:41 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
00:46:31 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)  
00:48:17 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)  
00:49:37 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:51:28 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

00:57:41 Leanne Kurtz, LSD

**Informational Testimony:**

00:58:22 Rep. Loge, HD 14

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:57 Rep. White  
01:00:02 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:00:30 Rep. White  
01:01:33 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:01:51 Rep. White  
01:02:12 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:02:26 Rep. Vinton  
01:03:01 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:03:29 Rep. Vinton  
01:03:37 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:03:44 Rep. Price  
01:04:06 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:05:16 Rep. Jacobson  
01:05:54 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:06:12 Rep. Jacobson  
01:06:55 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:07:36 Chair Flynn  
01:07:52 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:08:26 Chair Flynn  
01:08:41 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:09:06 Rep. B. Brown  
01:09:55 Rep. Z. Brown  
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01:12:30 Rep. Rosendale  
01:12:46 Chuck Denowh, UPOM  
01:14:00 Rep. C. Knudsen  
01:14:15 Chuck Denowh, UPOM  
01:14:39 Rep. C. Knudsen  
01:14:47 Chuck Denowh, UPOM  
01:15:26 Chair Flynn  
01:16:07 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:16:42 Hank Worsech, FWP  
01:17:04 Chair Flynn  
01:17:32 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:18:06 Chair Flynn  
01:18:30 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:19:01 Rep. Vinton  
01:19:23 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:20:04 Rep. Vinton  
01:20:10 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:20:27 Chair Flynn  
01:20:50 Rep. Z. Brown  
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01:34:23 Rep. White  
01:34:36 Chair Flynn

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih07aad.pdf](#))